

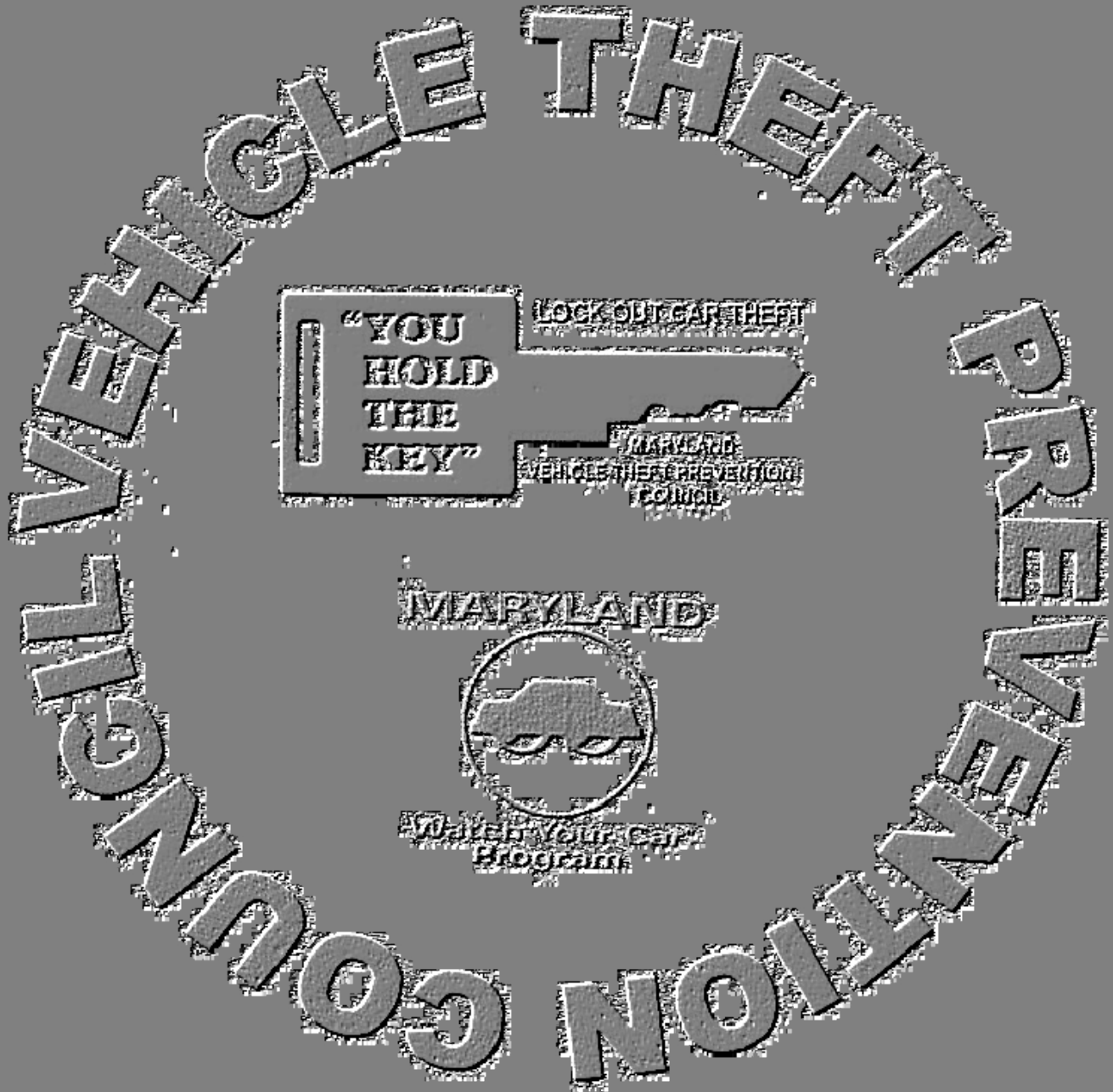
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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE  
**MARYLAND VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL**

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## **Uniform Crime Report** ***Crime in the United States, 2016***

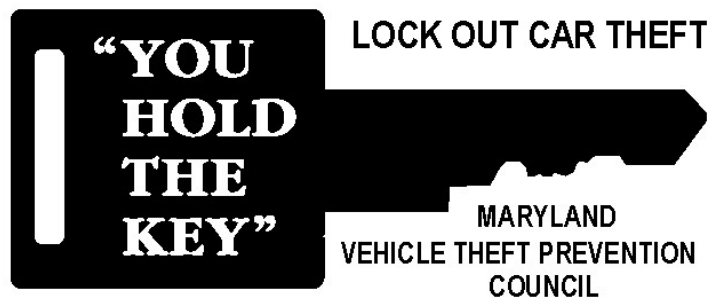
In the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, motor vehicle theft is defined as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. In the UCR Program, a motor vehicle is a self-propelled vehicle that runs on land surfaces and not on rails. Examples of motor vehicles include sport utility vehicles, automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motor scooters, all-terrain vehicles, and snowmobiles. Motor vehicle theft does not include farm equipment, bulldozers, airplanes, construction equipment, or water craft such as motorboats, sailboats, houseboats, or jet skis. The taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by persons having lawful access is excluded from this definition.

\* All statistics in this report are preliminary numbers pending release of 2016 Maryland Uniform Crime Report.

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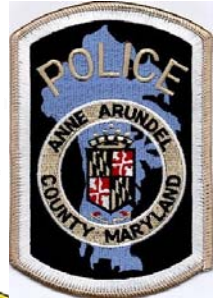
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (Council) is in its 22nd year of service to the citizens of the State of Maryland. Council Programs have proven to be highly effective with a direct correlation to funding levels. From 1995 - 2000, Vehicle Theft Programs were fully funded and vehicle theft decreased 32%. From 2001 - 2004, funding levels were drastically reduced and vehicle theft increased 28%. Full funding levels were restored in 2005, with a corresponding decrease of 60% by 2016. Since the Council's inception in 1994, vehicle theft in Maryland has decreased 64% in total numbers.

### WASHINGTON REGION

Of significance, is the high level of vehicle thefts experienced in Prince George's County. Between 2001 - 2004, vehicle theft increased 102% from 8,659 to 18,482. With enhanced funding in FY 2005 - FY 2016, vehicle theft prevention programs were restored in the County. By the end of 2016, vehicle theft had decreased 67% to a level of 4,243 vehicle thefts in the Washington Region.

### BALTIMORE REGION

The Council's most prominent success has been in the Baltimore Region. In 1994, 52% of all vehicle thefts in the state occurred in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. The Council's first funded Program was to assist in creating a multi-jurisdictional Task Force between the City and the County which has come to be known as the Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team, or RATT. This proved to be highly successful; vehicle theft rates in Baltimore City and Baltimore County decreased 50% between 1995 - 2000, while vehicle theft in those areas has since decreased an average of 38%. The RATT concept was duplicated in the Washington Region in 2005 with similar results.

### 2016 COUNCIL INITIATIVES

In July 2016, the Council awarded 20 grants to a variety of organizations encompassing public awareness and prevention, law enforcement, prosecution, and juvenile intervention for a total of \$1,851,135.00. These grants were focused on the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan Area where 93% of all vehicle thefts occur. Grants in the Baltimore Region were awarded to Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County, Harford County, Howard County, and the City of Annapolis. Grant assistance in the Washington Region includes Prince George's, Montgomery, and Charles Counties.

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The Council continues to support and administer "Watch Your Car" which is a National Vehicle Theft Prevention Program. The Program is voluntary and allows police to stop vehicles displaying the special "Watch Your Car" decals between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. There are

approximately 40,000 Maryland motorists currently registered in the Program.

The Council also continues to partner with the MD-DC Anti-Car Theft Committee (ACT). ACT is the Council's private sector partner and provides free "VIN Etching" and other vehicle theft prevention services which supplement the Council's public awareness efforts.

### CONCLUSION

Based upon funding levels, the Council has been successful in providing planning and fiscal resources to state, local jurisdictions, and community organizations whose effort, in turn, affected vehicle theft rates. Our goal is not only to continue to reverse the vehicle theft trend, but to continue to manage the problem in the future.

### THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF VEHICLE THEFT IN MARYLAND

After four years of significant increase between 2000 - 2004, Maryland has experienced a 62% percent reduction in vehicle theft since 2003. In 1999, Maryland had a total of 26,063 vehicle thefts, a decrease of 32% over 1994. Total thefts rose to 36,406 in 2003 representing an increase of 10,339 stolen vehicles. In 2004, we saw a slight decrease of 545 stolen vehicles, or -1.5%. In 2016, thefts had decreased to 13,847, or a 62% decrease over 2003. In economic terms, this decrease is significant. Based on the \$7,680.00 UCR average price of a stolen vehicle, decreases in thefts since 2003 translates to an economic savings of \$186,984,960 to Maryland citizens.

#### THE NATURE OF VEHICLE THEFT

Vehicle theft is primarily a crime of opportunity. Victims often fail to employ even the most modest precautions to deter theft. Frequently, victims either do not lock the vehicle, leave the vehicle with the keys in the ignition, or occasionally, both. Several surveys indicate that many cases of vehicle theft result from such carelessness. Surveys by the Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team (RATT), continues to show that 25-30 percent of recovered stolen vehicles had the key in the car at the time of their recovery.

The Prince George's County Police Department findings: approximately 32% of criminal incident reports surveyed mentioned that the key was found in the recovered vehicle. The Montgomery County Police reported similar findings. Thus, the perpetrators often steal a vehicle with little effort.

#### PERPETRATORS

Auto theft can best be understood by the perpetrator's motivations. Thefts can be distributed into four distinct groups. In most cases, vehicles are stolen either for the resale or distribution of parts, for transportation purposes, for the commission of other crimes, or for exportation. Of these four factors, the greatest threats to Maryland

citizens are the destruction of vehicles for parts and exportation. The operation of "chop shops" and exportation allows for the complete destruction of vehicles often resulting in a total loss for the owner. In the other two instances (transportation purposes and the use of vehicles to commit other crimes) the destruction of the vehicle is generally not as certain and the large majority are recovered.

During 2016, 81% of the motor vehicle thefts were cars, 9% were trucks and buses, and 10% were other motor vehicles. Motor vehicle thefts accounted for 9% of property crime and 8% of the crime index. There were 236.9 motor vehicle thefts per 100,000 population.

The 2016 Maryland UCR provided final arrest statistics for vehicle theft. In comparing 2014 to 2016 data, arrests for vehicle theft decreased from 1,533 in 2015 to 1,502 in 2016. The perpetrators, according to the 2016 UCR, were 84% male and 16% female; with 66% being white, 30.7%

African American, 1.5% American Indian, 1.3% Asian, and 0.5% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. 41% of those arrested for vehicle theft were juveniles.

#### LOCATION OF THEFT

Historical data indicates that vehicle thefts often occur in two distinct areas that conform to a time frame. In most circumstances, thefts occur either in residential areas in the late evening and early morning hours, or in commercial areas in the mid-day hours. In both cases, the perpetrators easily elude observation.

#### RECOVERY & VEHICLE THEFT

Often, the location of the recovery provides law enforcement officials with valuable information on the nature of the crime. In rural areas, vehicles are often abandoned in fields. Vehicles left in suburban and urban areas generally are found on the street, as if parked. In 2016, 78% of reported stolen vehicles were recovered at a value of \$82,949,068.

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This rather substantial recovery rate suggests that most vehicle theft instances are related either to transportation purposes or to the use of a vehicle to commit other crimes.

### TYPES OF VEHICLES STOLEN

Although vehicle theft is primarily a crime of opportunity, perpetrators often favor particular makes and models. The following list ranks, according to information received by the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, the ten most common vehicles stolen in the area of occurrence.

#### Top 10 Stolen Vehicles in Maryland:

1. Honda Accord	2012
2. Dodge Caravan	2003
3. Toyota Camry	2011
4. Honda Civic	2000
5. Nissan Altima	2015
6. Ford Pickup (Full Size)	2006
7. Toyota Corolla	2013
8. Hyundai Sonata	2013
9. Chevrolet Pickup (Full Size)	2003
10. Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee	2000

#### Top 10 Stolen Nationwide:

1. Honda Accord	1997
2. Honda Civic	1998
3. Ford Pick-Up (Full Size)	2006
4. Chevrolet Pick-Up (Full Size)	2004
5. Toyota Camry	2016
6. Nissan Altima	2015
7. Dodge Pick-Up (Full Size)	2001
8. Toyota Corolla	2015
9. Chevrolet Impala	2008
10. Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee	2000

**Consumer Reports**

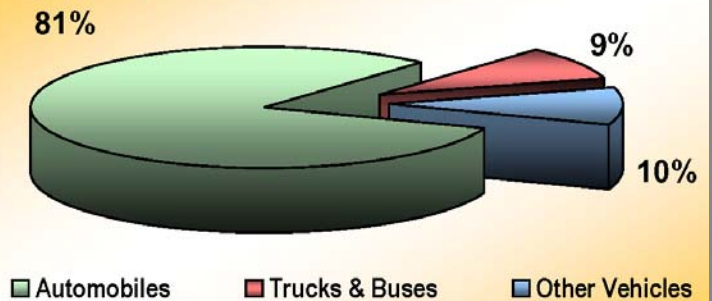
**Driver error is to blame in 40% to 50% of vehicle thefts.**

**(keys in vehicle / windows down / doors unlocked)**

### MOTOR VEHICLE ROBBERY

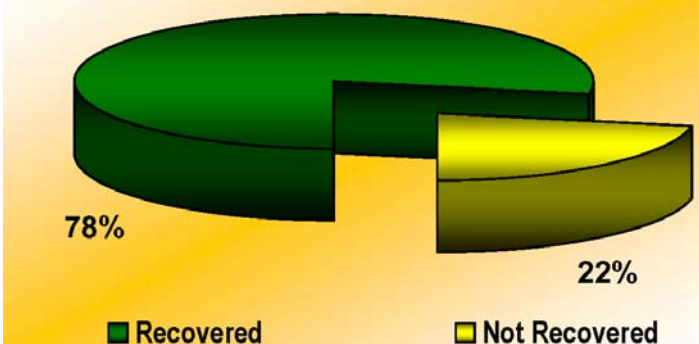
In 2016, there were 722 carjackings, a 38% increase from the 524 reported in 2015, and the 350 reported in 2014. It has previously been hypothesized that, as public awareness programs increase and anti-theft devices become more popular, carjackings would also increase. However, recent data does not support this hypothesis. From 1994 - 2000, vehicle theft decreased 36% and carjacking decreased 44%. From 2005 - 2016, vehicle theft decreased 60% and carjacking decreased 62%. The nature of vehicle theft and vehicle robbery differ drastically. Whereas vehicle theft is a crime of opportunity, vehicle robbery presents the perpetrator with intense personal involvement with the victim. In 2016, vehicle theft increased 3% and carjacking increased 38% over the previous year.

**Types of Vehicles Stolen**



\* Preliminary Numbers

**Recovered Stolen Vehicles**



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### THE EXTENT OF VEHICLE THEFT

The Baltimore Region has seen decreases in vehicle theft since 1994 levels. The most dramatic decreases can be seen in Harford County, Howard County, and Baltimore County. These three areas had decreases of 78, 74 and 67 percent, respectively, since the intervention of the Council in 1994. In addition, as part of the Baltimore Metro area, Anne Arundel County has experienced a 66% decrease, while Baltimore City has decreased 61%.

The Washington Region has seen similar success since 1994 with Montgomery County experiencing a 74% decrease, Prince George's County decreasing 64%, and Charles County seeing a decrease of 62%.

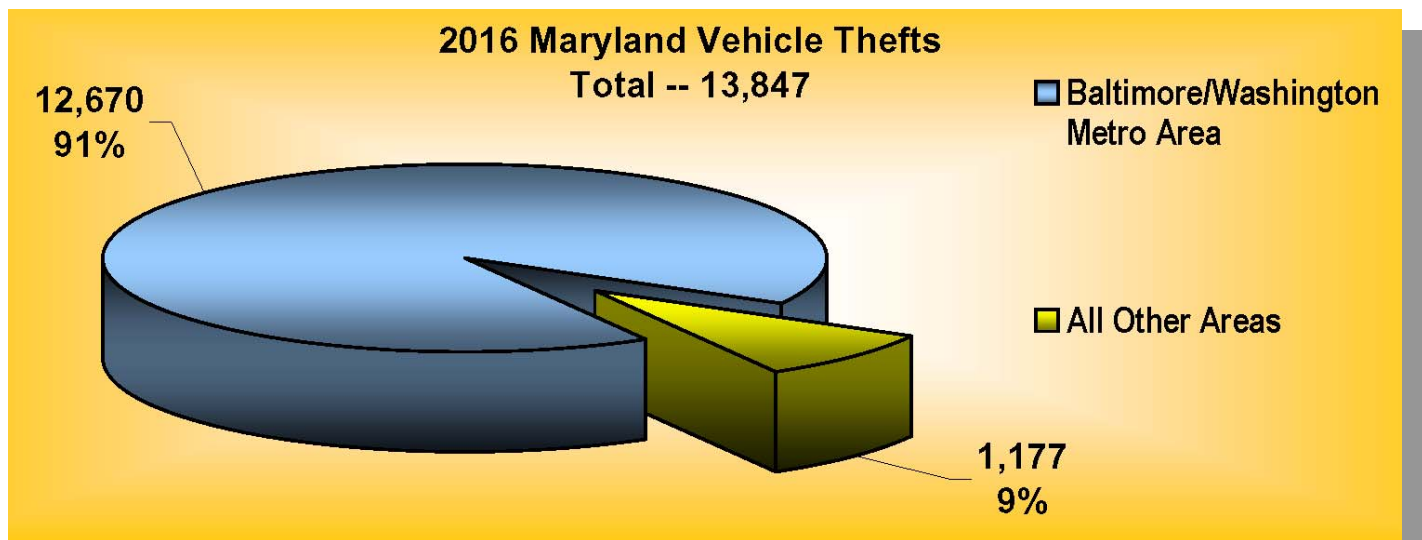
Most non-urban regions of the state experienced decreases in vehicle theft since the inception of the council. The Western Region (Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington Counties) was no exception, with a decrease of 32%. The Eastern Shore Region (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties) reported a decrease of 46%. The Southern Region (Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties) reported a decrease of 50%. Of note is a 74% decline in both Worcester County and Talbot County, and a 65% decline in Kent County. Also noteworthy is a 1% increase in St. Mary's County and a 49% increase in Washington County.

### COMPARISON WITH OTHER CRIMES

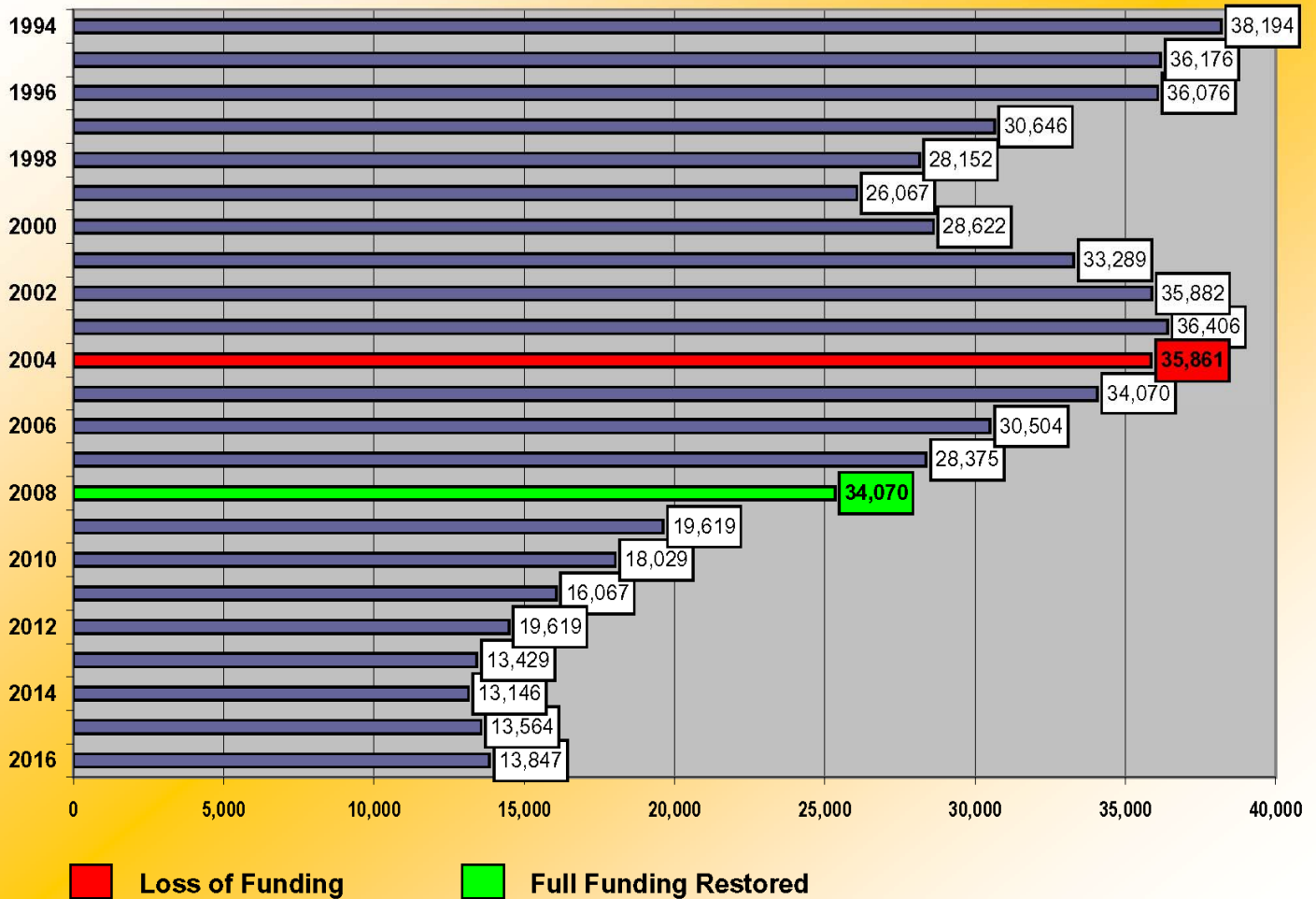
The trends in vehicle theft during 2016 can be compared to other forms of crime. On the whole, crime in Maryland decreased 3% over 2015. For 2016, the vehicle theft rate in Maryland has increased 3%. Since the Council's first programs were implemented in 1994, the motor vehicle theft rate has declined 70.4 percent (per 100,000 population.). The most significant decline in crime since 1994 has been motor vehicle theft, where the rate in Maryland has declined 64%.

### CONCLUSION

Vehicle theft continues to be a problem for Maryland. Research has shown that vehicle thefts are committed in concert with other related crimes. As vehicle thefts decline, the opportunity to commit other related crimes also decreases.

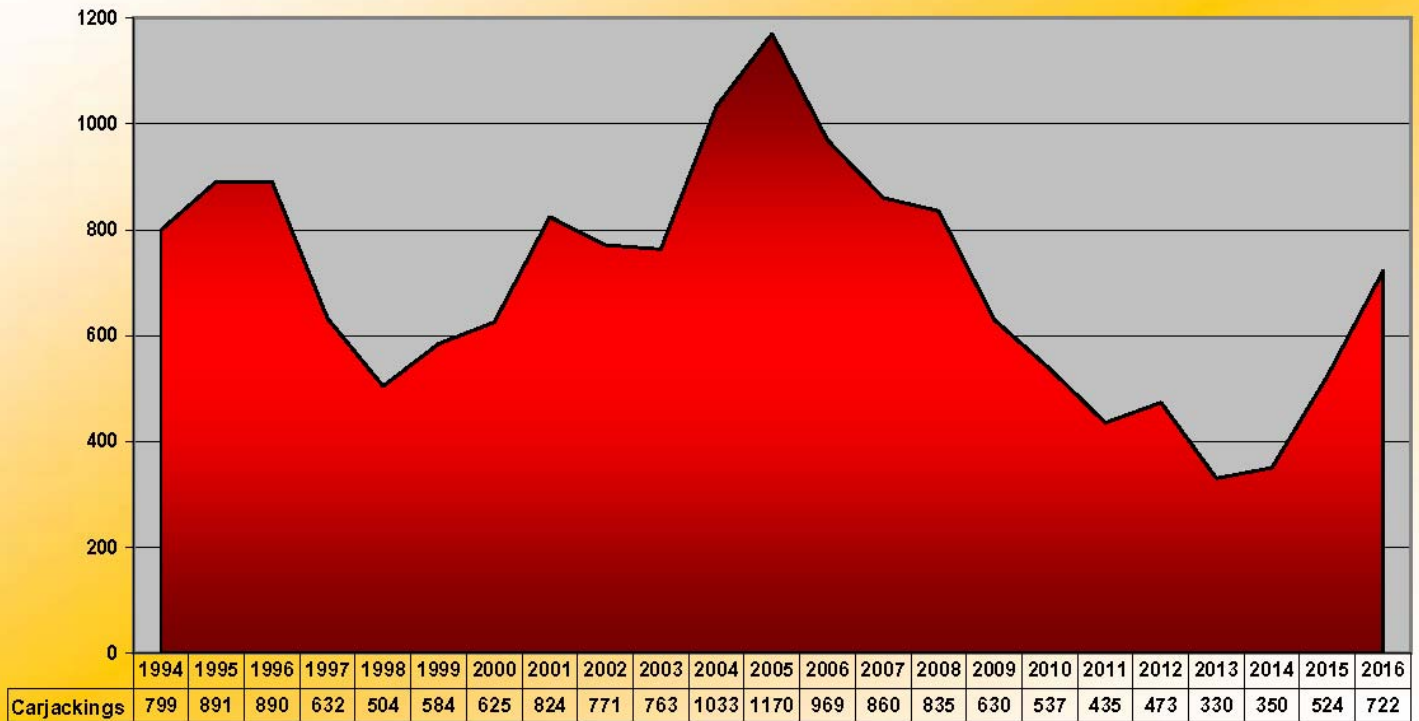


### Maryland Vehicle Theft



*Many stolen vehicles end up like this. The Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council encourages residents to protect their property from theft by employing a "Four Layer Approach".*

### Maryland Carjackings



## Carjackers look for the right opportunity.

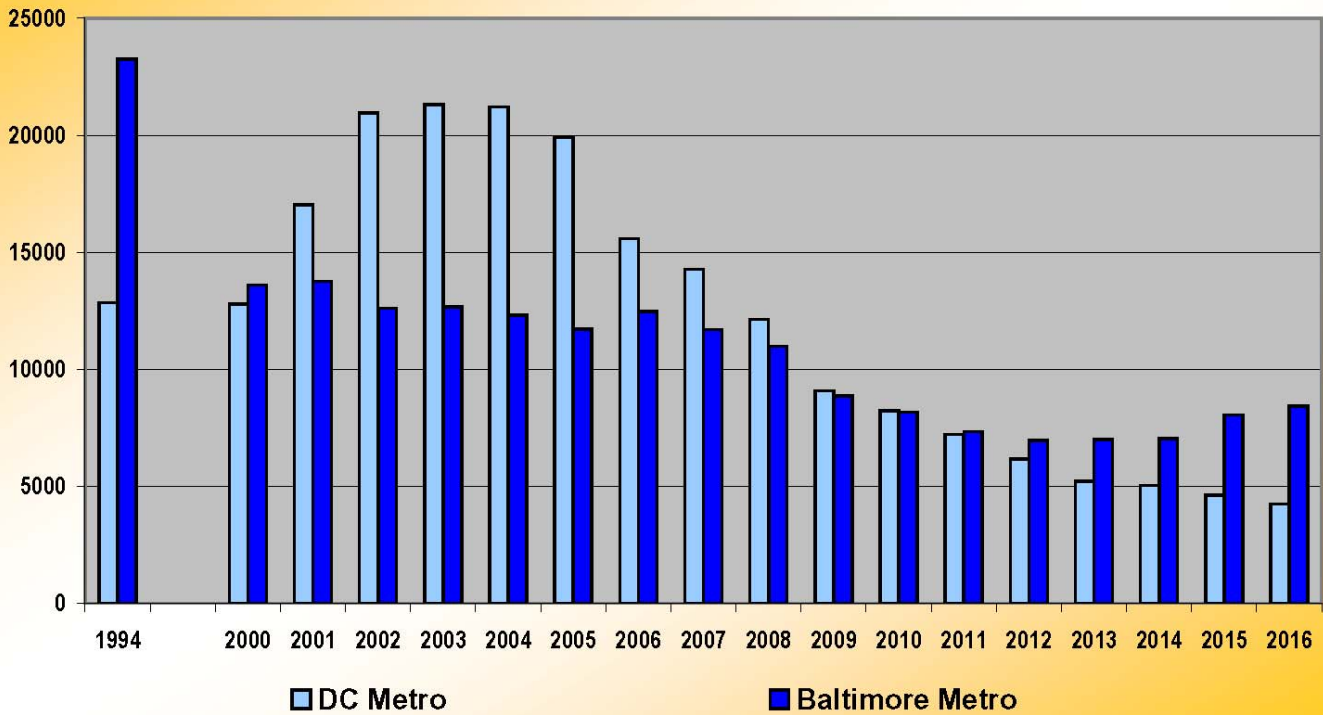


Generally, carjackers look for drivers slowing down, stopping, or getting into or out of their vehicle.

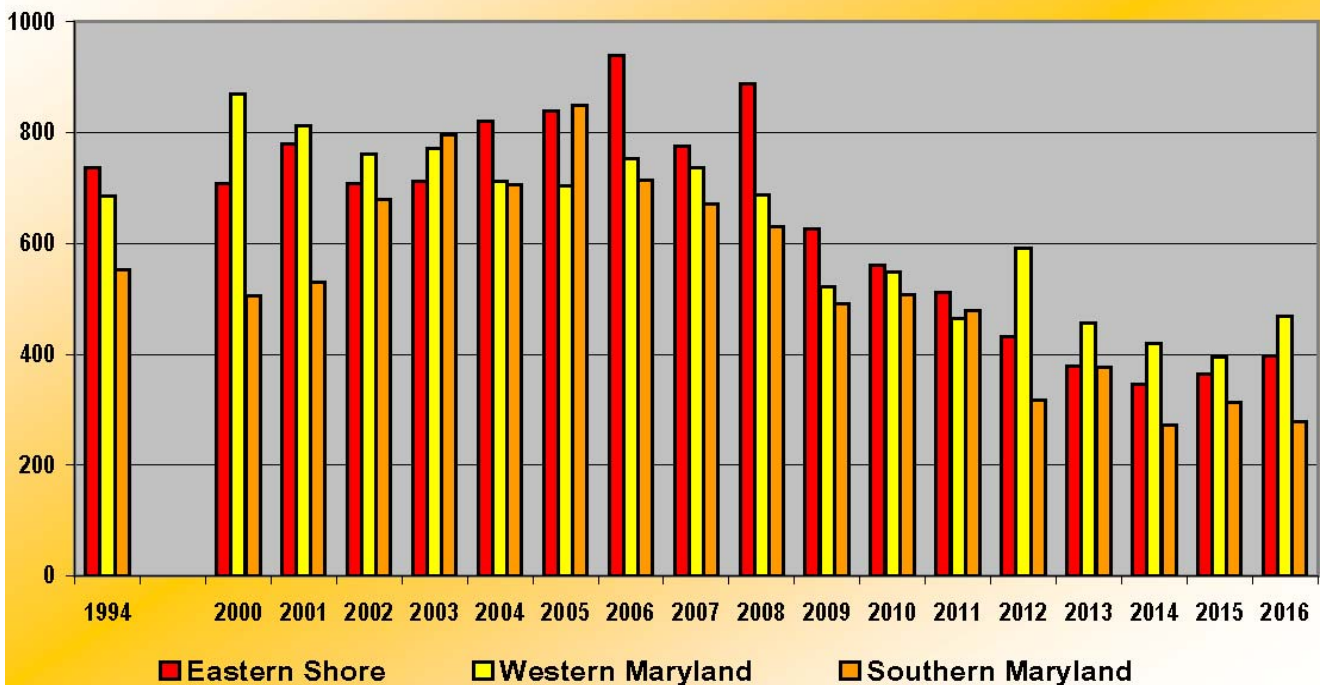
That is why carjacking often occurs in parking lots and garages, at stop lights and signs and by the side of the road.

**If you encounter a carjacker, surrender the vehicle without a fight. Carjacking is a serious and very dangerous situation. You can replace a car, but the life of every Maryland resident is precious.**

### Urban and Suburban Theft



### Non-Urban Theft

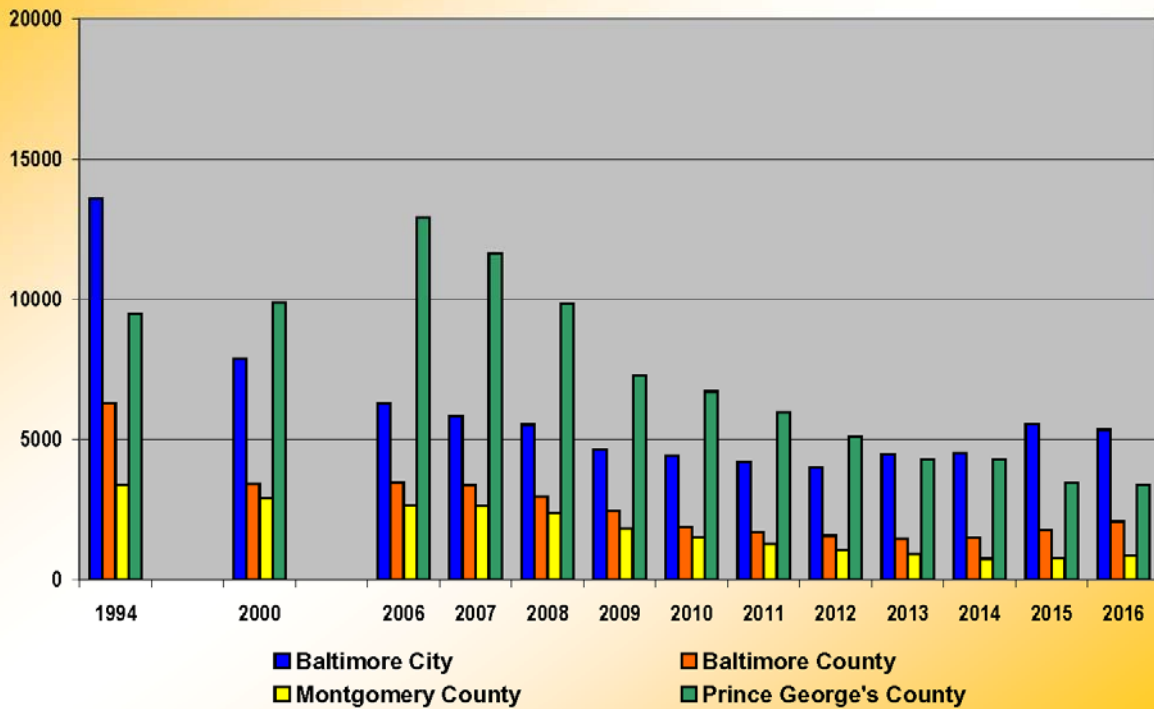


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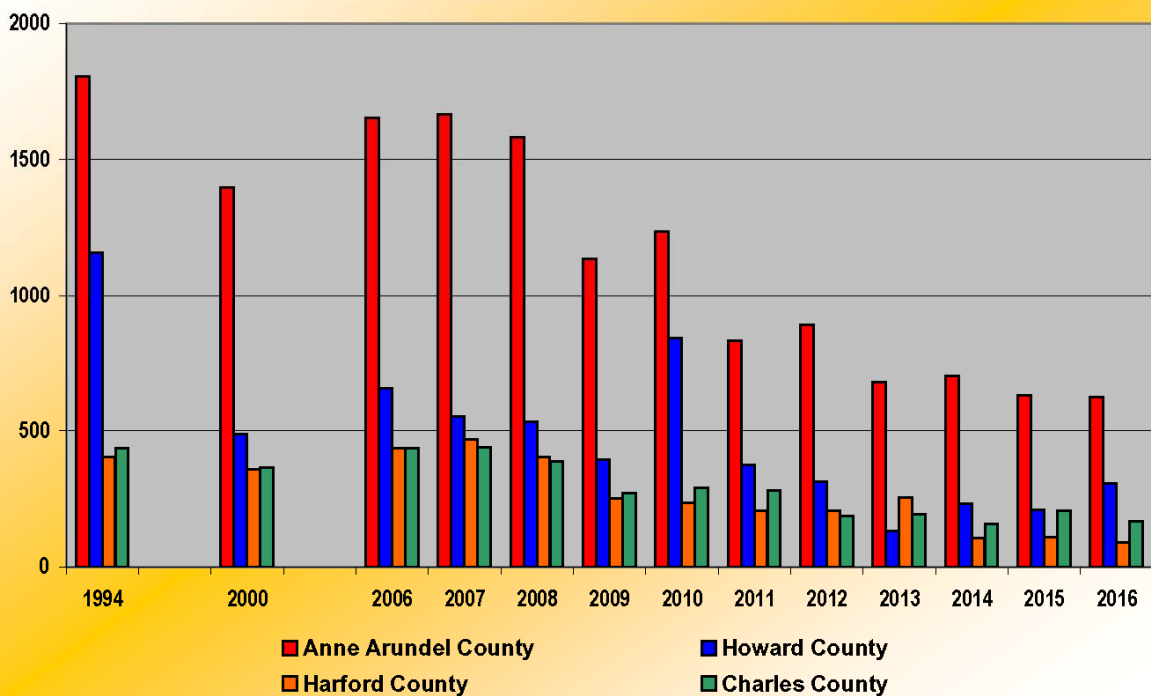
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### Maryland Jurisdictional Vehicle Theft



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## STATEWIDE VEHICLE THEFT STRATEGIES

### FOUR PART APPROACH

The Council has embraced a four-part programmatic approach based on efforts in other states which have proven effective in the prevention of vehicle theft.

### PREVENTION / EDUCATION

Statistics estimate that in three out of four cases of auto theft, owners left the doors unlocked. In one out of four cases, keys were left in the ignition. Without prevention efforts and public support, law enforcement alone cannot effectively prevent vehicle thefts in Maryland.

Public education campaigns and prevention training programs can increase individual awareness of the cost of vehicle theft, provide tips for vehicle owners to prevent thefts, and demonstrate the savings that preventative measures yield. The Council encourages prevention programs that promote public awareness and provide public training in the preventative measures.

In an effort to assure maximum effectiveness and statewide coverage of a prevention campaign, the Council encourages programs covering multiple jurisdictions. Partnerships promoting vehicle theft prevention programs between local law enforcement agencies and community organizations are strongly promoted. All law enforcement grants are required to have a prevention component.

### DETECTION AND APPREHENSION

The Council encourages detection and apprehension programs by specifically allocating funds to law enforcement agencies. Vehicle theft detection and apprehension programs include community involvement programs, detection training programs, and enhancements to information-gathering programs. Vehicle theft often transcends jurisdictional boundaries; the Council, therefore, encourages law enforcement efforts covering multiple jurisdictional boundaries. An example of this is multi-agency vehicle theft

enforcement teams. Multi-jurisdictional efforts may include municipalities, counties, regions, and community organizations.

### PROSECUTION & CONVICTION

Prosecution and conviction of automobile thieves is one of the most important means of breaking vehicle theft rings and reducing the economic incentives of vehicle theft.

In the past, the prosecution of vehicle theft cases had a relatively low priority at both local and state levels because of four factors: staffs were limited and consumed with prosecution of violent crimes, vehicle theft is a property crime as opposed to a personal crime, victims receive insurance compensation, and vehicle theft prosecutions are complex and expensive in comparison to resultant penalties. A special prosecutor to handle vehicle theft cases through both district and circuit courts is an effective method in achieving convictions.

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The Council encourages prosecution and judicial programs designed to assist with the prosecution of persons charged with vehicle theft offenses, as well as efforts to implement legislative changes that facilitate the prosecution of vehicle thieves and forfeiture of their property.

### JUVENILE INTERVENTION

Because of the large percentage of juveniles involved in auto theft, the Council dedicates a percentage of funds to juvenile service agencies to develop programmatic initiatives with specific vehicle theft offense components. The funds will also be used to improve data collection to enhance research and analysis capabilities of juveniles involved in vehicle theft and related offenses. Schools may be an effective setting for presenting special vehicle theft programs to large groups of young people. Current study data indicates a need to influence juveniles in both middle and high schools about the consequences of vehicle theft.

### THE COUNCIL'S IMPACT ON PREVENTING VEHICLE THEFT

Since its inception, the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council has been effective in its efforts to combat vehicle theft throughout the State of Maryland. The combination of public awareness, prevention, and education has played an integral role in the decline in vehicle theft. By continuing to fund the council, this multi-faceted approach can continue to be applied and provide untold benefits towards the continued reduction of auto theft statewide.

#### ANTI-CAR THEFT COMMITTEE

In 1997, the Council organized the Maryland Anti-Car Theft Committee (ACT) as a public/private partnership between the Council, automobile insurance carriers, and other vehicle related organizations.

The ACT Committee has been formally incorporated in Maryland as a 501(c3) nonprofit tax exempt organization. The primary function of the ACT Committee is to organize and fund various public awareness /education/prevention programs throughout Maryland, thereby enhancing and broadening the base of the Council's efforts. The Council continues to partnership with the ACT Committee. ACT is proposing to continue their statewide VIN etching campaign. This is a process where the vehicle's identification number (VIN) is etched into the vehicle's windows. VIN etching is known as an excellent form of vehicle theft deterrence and is offered as a "Free Service" by the ACT Committee.

In 2000, ACT expanded its area of responsibility to include the District of Columbia, becoming the MD-DC ACT Committee. The ACT Committee has also provided funding to the Montgomery County Police Centralized Auto Theft Team (CATT) to enhance their capabilities to access stolen car information more rapidly through portable lap top computers. They also partner with the Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team (RATT) and provided funding to assist the startup of the Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement Team (WAVE) and assist community policing programs in the District of Columbia.

#### "WATCH YOUR CAR"

In October 1997, Maryland was awarded a Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to launch the national "Watch Your Car" program. Maryland was one of the first seven states to be at the forefront of this national vehicle theft prevention program. The "Watch Your Car" initiative allows motor vehicle owners to voluntarily display a reflective decal on their vehicles to alert police that the vehicle is not normally driven between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. If the vehicle is observed being operated during these hours, the owner has consented to having the vehicle stopped by police anywhere in the United States. Police can then ensure that the vehicle is not stolen.

This program is totally voluntary and at no cost to the participants. Similar decal programs throughout the country have proven successful. In the past, however, a lack of uniformity in program hours and decal designs has limited its effectiveness. The national "Watch Your Car" program will remedy these problems; it brings uniformity to the concept. Police officers nationwide will come to recognize and understand the parameters and benefits of the "Watch Your Car" program so that it will not be limited by state and local boundaries.



This program was officially implemented in August of 1998. Currently, there are approximately 40,000 Maryland motorists registered in the program with 78 law enforcement agencies participating statewide. In 2000, the Council applied for, and received, "Watch Your Car" Supplemental Funding of \$240,000.00. This continued the program through 2003. The Council has since assumed funding responsibilities to continue this valuable program.



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## COUNCIL WEBSITE [www.mdautotheft.org](http://www.mdautotheft.org)

In furtherance of the Council's progressive actions, a website was developed and went online in January 2000. The website is directed at providing vehicle theft prevention data and an interactive link to the public and numerous other vehicle theft prevention organizations nationwide.



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## Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

Welcome to the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council's Website

Did you know?

- In Maryland, a car is stolen every 40 minutes. In the United States, it is every 45 seconds.
- 50% of the vehicles stolen had the keys inside the vehicle.
- 60% of the vehicles stolen were left unlocked.
- More than 66% of vehicle thefts occur at night.
- 95% of the vehicles stolen had no anti-theft devices.

The Maryland General Assembly's planning and dedicated funding re awareness, vehicle theft by juveni

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## Watch Your Car Program

The KEY to preventing vehicle theft is in your hands.

Lock your car  
Take the key  
Use an anti-theft device

### Participate in the Maryland "Watch Your Car" Program

Make your Car Tough to Steal

The "WATCH YOUR CAR" program is administered by the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (MVTPC) and is provided as a public service, free of charge, to owners of vehicles registered in the State of Maryland. It is a voluntary vehicle registration program designed to deter auto theft and assist in the apprehension of auto thieves.

**How it works:** The owner(s) sign an application form stating their vehicle is not normally used between the hours of 1:00am and 5:00am which gives permission for a police officer to stop the car between the hours of 1:00am and 5:00am to verify that the driver is actually the owner of the vehicle or an authorized driver, designated by the owner. Once registered, the vehicle owner will receive 2 window decals to be placed on the front and back windows of the vehicle. Vehicle owners wishing to participate in the program can click on the link below to download the application form and submit the completed form to the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council.



## Vehicle Theft By The Numbers

**765,484** The number of cars stolen in the United States in 2016.

**13,847** The number of cars stolen in the State of Maryland in 2016.

**95%** The percentage of stolen vehicles that had no apparent anti-theft devices.

**66%** The percentage of vehicle thefts that occur at night.

**60%** The percentage of stolen vehicles that were unlocked.

**50%** The percentage of stolen vehicles that had the keys inside the vehicle.

**22%** The percentage of stolen vehicles that are not recovered.

**41** The number of seconds between each auto theft in the United States.

**38** The number of minutes between each auto theft in the State of Maryland.

### FACT:

*Brochures like these have helped the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council raise awareness in residents throughout the state.*

### Lock Out Car Theft

The Key to Preventing Theft Is In **Your** Hands



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...you can lose **more** than just your vehicle.



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# VEHICLE THEFT FACTS AND TIPS

### Did you know?

- ◆ In 2016, there were 13,847 motor vehicles stolen in Maryland.
- ◆ A vehicle theft occurs every 38 minutes in Maryland.
- ◆ In approximately 50 percent of the vehicles stolen, keys were left in the vehicles.
- ◆ It is estimated that 60 percent of the vehicles stolen were not locked.
- ◆ 1,533 individuals were arrested for vehicle theft in 2016 (preliminary figure).
- ◆ Juveniles represented 43% of the arrests for vehicle theft in Maryland (preliminary figure).
- ◆ Approximately 25 to 40 percent of the cost of comprehensive auto insurance is due to auto theft (preliminary figure).
- ◆ National surveys reveal that 33% of drivers left their car while it was running (preliminary figure).
- ◆ Driver error is to blame in 40 to 50 percent of vehicle thefts (keys in ignition, windows down, unlocked doors) (preliminary figure).

### Protect yourself and your car!

- ◆ You hold the key! Lock your car and take the key.
- ◆ Use anti-theft devices such as alarms, kill switches, steering wheel and brake locking devices, or recovery systems.
- ◆ Park in well lighted and heavily traveled areas.
- ◆ Park with wheels turned toward the curb.
- ◆ Lock vehicle doors upon entering.
- ◆ Do not hide spare keys in or under the vehicle, they can be easily found.
- ◆ Never leave vehicle registration card, driver's license, or any type of owner identification in the glove box.
- ◆ Don't leave valuables in sight within the car...

...and, Join the Maryland  
"Watch Your Car" Program

**MARYLAND**



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Program**

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### THE YEAR IN PICTURES



A stolen Jeep being set on fire.



The same Jeep...14 seconds later.  
Truck, trailer, and lawn equipment stolen.  
Items recovered and two individuals charged.

Photos Courtesy of  
D/SGT Gary Draheim  
Charles County Sheriff's Office

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The C-PAC program continues to provide education and information to our youth to deter and reduce vehicle theft and vandalize.

Photo Credit:  
Phil Lee, Program Director  
Olde Mill Foundation/C-PAC

*“With VTPC support we were able to bring together a young person and an owner of a vehicle that had been stolen, in a supportive environment with community and resources, to collectively make the situation right. Through this process and understanding of the impact of their actions, the young person is unlikely to take such action again.”*

**Larell Smith-Bacon**  
Conferecing Program Director  
Restorative Response Baltimore  
(formerly the Community Conferencing Center)



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*"The biggest challenge in auto theft this year has been to educate the public that yes, it can happen in your neighborhood, and you must always be vigilant in securing your vehicle every night. While key-less entry has eliminated "popping" ignitions, many people don't realize that thieves have adapted to this, and seek out vehicles whose owners leave key fobs in their vehicles overnight, or in many cases whose spouse/ roommate has their spare key in their car parked nearby - allowing the thief to simply push a button and drive away. Leaving your car running in the morning to warm up is an invitation to having your car stolen. It is one of our biggest problems and challenges. We really want to get this message to the public.*

**Lieutenant Biff Benson**  
Commander  
Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Task Force

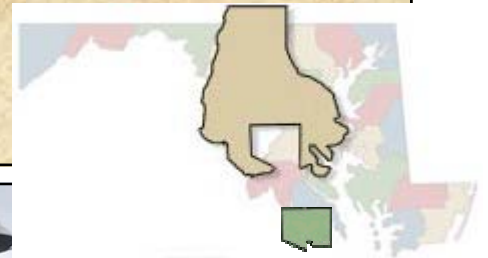


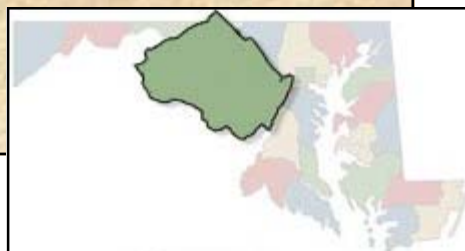
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Commander, Baltimore  
Regional Auto Theft  
Task Force

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*"The Montgomery County Department of Police Centralized Auto Theft Section has been a proud partner with the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council since its inception. We recognize that vehicle theft prevention and investigation on all levels is vital to the safety and security of the residents and visitors of our community and country. We look forward to maintaining this relationship in the years ahead."*

**Sergeant M. Fergus Sugrue**  
Montgomery County Department of Police  
Supervisor, Centralized Auto Theft Section



Photos on pages 18 and 19  
Courtesy of  
First Sergeant David M. Keller  
Strategic Planning Command  
GMS - Grant Program Manager  
Maryland State Police Headquarters



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*“As motor vehicles and anti-theft features get more sophisticated, so do auto thieves. Staying ahead of the curve is essential and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council provides resources that allow law enforcement to dedicate otherwise sparse resources to prevention and prosecution of auto thieves, title forgers and similar criminals.”*

*Ephraim R. Siff, ASA-in-Charge,  
Auto Theft Unit,  
Baltimore County  
State’s Attorney’s  
Office*

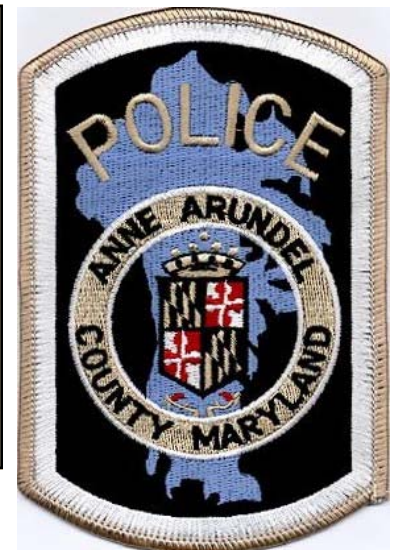


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*“The Vehicle Theft Prevention Council plays a crucial role as a partner in fighting auto theft-related crime in Anne Arundel County. The VTPC can be counted on every year to assist with the funding of the best training and the best tools to properly equip our investigators.”*

**Sgt. Matt Evans**  
Anne Arundel County Police  
Auto Theft Unit



**Above: ATV's stolen with \$150,000.00 worth of construction equipment. Items recovered and two charged criminally.**

Photos Courtesy of  
D/SGT Gary Draheim  
Charles County Sheriff's Office

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Above: Confidential VIN on suspected Mercedes-Benz. Not matching PVIN and reported stolen through MPDC.

Below: New Mercedes-Benz suspected of being a re-VIN. Traffic stop conducted with PGPD and WAVE.

Photos Courtesy of  
D/SGT Gary Draheim  
Charles County Sheriff's Office

*"The Northwest Citizens Patrol (NWCP) thanks the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council for its continued commitment to preventing automobile theft. Their outstanding efforts not only helps keep our streets safe, but also saves Maryland citizens from significant monetary loss due to the reduction of vehicle theft in our state."*

**Neil Schachter**  
President, Northwest Citizens Patrol



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Above: Public VIN displayed on a stolen Mercedes-Benz

Right: Stolen 1996 Honda CBR 1000;  
Stolen from Charles County in 2003,  
recovered fourteen years later.

Below: Stolen Honda CBR Drag Bike;  
Stolen from Charles County in 2015,  
recovered two years later.

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Charles County Sheriff's Office



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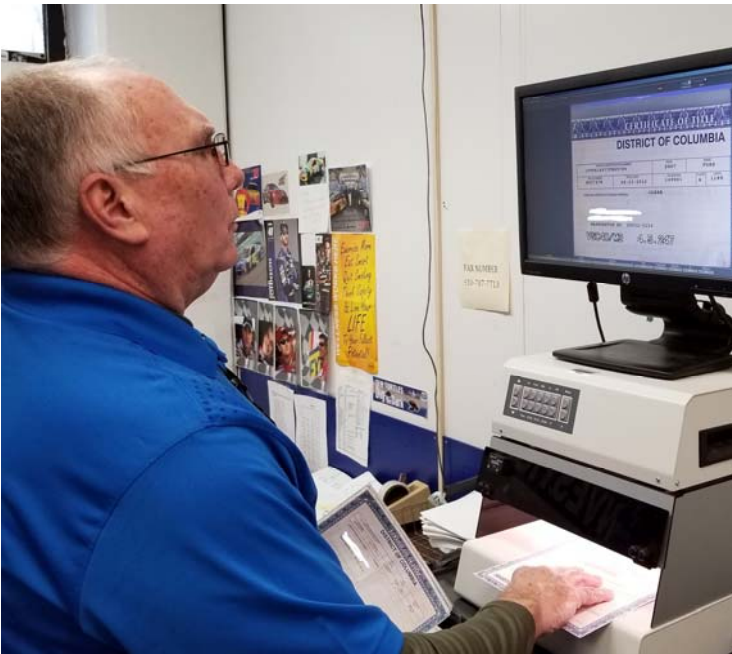
Above: 2001 Toyota Sequoia reported stolen and recovered five days later.

Below: 2016 Ford Focus electric car stolen in Calvert County and recovered in Charles County. Linked to a group of juveniles who were also charged with two other stolen motor vehicles and a commercial burglary. Cases were also developed in Anne Arundel and Calvert counties.

Photos Courtesy of  
D/SGT Gary Draheim  
Charles County Sheriff's Office

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MDOT MVA Investigator William Banahan uses a Foster + Freeman VSC40 to examine the security features of out of state vehicle title. Since 2012, the MVTPC has provided funding to MDOT-MVA's Division of Investigations and Security Services to examine foreign (i.e. non-Maryland) vehicle titles in search of counterfeit and altered titles that have been used to conceal or "launder" a stolen vehicle.



MDOT MVA Investigator William Banahan points out an alteration made to an out of state vehicle title to MDOT MVA Investigator Lenny Watts. Car thieves use altered and counterfeit titles to conceal stolen vehicles and MDOT MVA uses funds from the MVTPC to examine out-of-state titles looking for altered and counterfeit documents. Since 2012 MDOT MVA Investigator Banahan, with the help of other investigators, has examined over 1.4 million vehicle titles. Banahan has identified over 1,400 altered and/or fraudulent documents, including 227 stolen vehicles, leading to the recovery of 112 of those stolen vehicle by law enforcement.



Photos & Text Courtesy of  
Eric Danz, Manager,  
MDOT, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration  
Division of Investigations and Internal Affairs

***"Support from the MVTPC allows MDOT MVA's Division of Investigations and Security Services to boost its role in enforcing Maryland's mandatory auto insurance laws while assisting law enforcement in its mission to recover stolen vehicles. Thus far in Fiscal Year 2018, using mobile license plate readers purchased with a grant from the MVTPC, MDOT MVA Investigators and Maryland law enforcement officers teamed together to recover one (1) stolen vehicle and remove 330 uninsured vehicles from Maryland's roadways. Fees and penalties related to the uninsured vehicles total over \$338,000. A portion of those fees, by law, are returned to the MVTPC."***

***Eric Danz, Manager  
MDOT - Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration  
Division of Investigations and Security Services***



# APPENDIX A

## VEHICLE THEFT

Jurisdictions Receiving Council Assistance  
\*1994 vs. 2016



	1994	2016	+%
Baltimore County	6,289	2,073	-67%
Baltimore City	13,603	5,336	-61%
Anne Arundel County	1,806	622	-66%
Charles County	435	167	-62%
Harford County	403	90	-78%
Howard County	1,157	306	-74%
Montgomery County	3,370	872	-74%
Prince George's County	9,477	3,371	-64%
TOTAL	36,540	12,837	-65%
STATE-WIDE	38,194	13,847	-64%

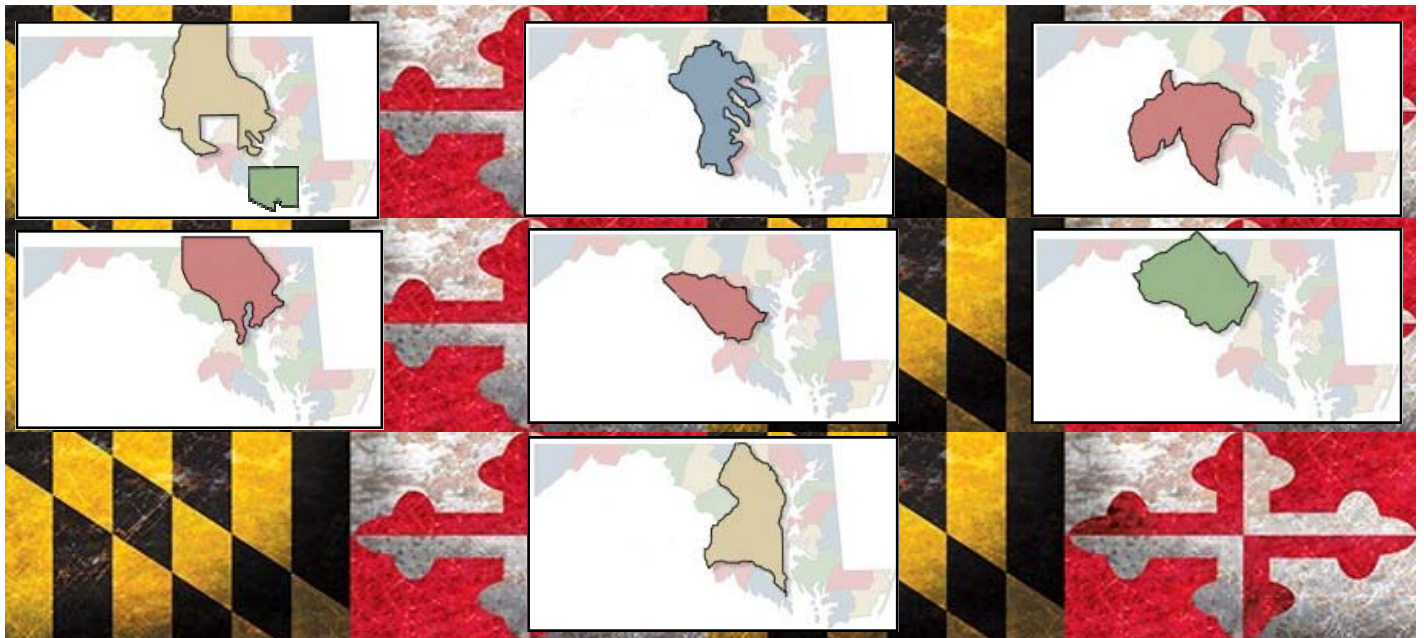
### Vehicle Theft Rates (Stolen Vehicles Per 100,000 Population - State-Wide)

*1994	763.0	
1999	492.0	-36%
2000	539.0	-29%
2003	661.0	-13%
2004	652.0	-15%
2005	679.0	-19%
2006	543.0	-29%
2007	505.0	-34%
2008	450.0	-41%
2009	344.2	-55%
2010	312.2	-59%
2011	275.7	-64%
2012	246.3	-68%
2013	226.5	-70%
2014	219.2	-71%
2015	225.8	-70%
2016	225.8	-70%

2016 data is a preliminary figure.

\* 1994 vs. succeeding years

Source: MD UCR 1994 – 2016



# APPENDIX B

## VEHICLE THEFT

Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Operations  
Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team (R.A.T.T.)



### Vehicle Theft Statistics

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Baltimore County	3,418	3,297	3,491	3,341	2,936	3,024	3,429	3,332	2,878	2,443	1,880	1,710	1,572	1,463	1,499	1,770	2,073
Baltimore City	7,871	8,199	6,574	6,874	6,731	6,232	6,262	5,686	5,508	4,632	4,421	4,207	3,987	4,462	4,504	5,541	5,336
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,289</b>	<b>11,496</b>	<b>10,065</b>	<b>10,215</b>	<b>9,667</b>	<b>9,256</b>	<b>9,691</b>	<b>9,018</b>	<b>8,386</b>	<b>7,075</b>	<b>6,301</b>	<b>5,917</b>	<b>5,559</b>	<b>5,925</b>	<b>6,003</b>	<b>7,311</b>	<b>7,409</b>

Source: MD UCR 2000 – 2016

### Regional Auto Theft Team Accomplishments

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Totals
Adults Arrested	1,053	913	933	845	923	872	851	768	772	606	625	499	431	324	423	533	548	14,849
Juveniles Arrested	156	188	171	189	135	154	134	124	138	78	66	49	44	65	72	101	100	3,035
Total Arrests	1,209	1,101	1,104	1,034	1,058	1,026	985	892	910	684	691	548	475	389	495	634	648	17,884
Recovered Vehicles	905	816	864	753	828	960	1,251	1,209	1,187	922	784	796	865	861	742	1,031	994	18,429
UCR*	6.78	6.56	6.95	6.05	6.68	7.72	10.06	9.72	9.54	6.00	5.10	5.18	5.62	5.18	4.83	6.71	5.98	132.06

\* \$ in Millions based on average value of stolen vehicles  
Historical UCR Values per Stolen Vehicle:

2016	\$7,680.00	2011	\$6,089.00	2006	\$6,649.00	2001	\$6,646.00
2015	\$6,019.00	2010	\$6,152.00	2005	\$6,173.00	2000	\$6,682.00
2014	\$6,505.00	2009	\$6,505.00	2004	\$6,604.00		
2013	\$5,972.00	2008	\$6,751.00	2003	\$6,797.00		
2012	\$6,019.00	2007	\$6,755.00	2002	\$6,701.00		

### Other Statistical Accomplishments:

- 2,402** business inspections conducted
- 574** people charged with possession or distribution of CDS
- 339** arrests for carjacking
- 221** people charged with insurance fraud
- 212** arrests for burglary
- 185** arrests for handgun possession
- 148** arrests for robbery
- 116** people arrested for attempted murder / 1st degree assault
- 20** people arrested for murder
- 13** people arrested for counterfeiting
- 10** people arrested for rape
- 9** people arrested for kidnapping





# APPENDIX C

## VEHICLE THEFT

Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement (WAVE)  
Auto Theft Task Force



### Unit Accomplishments Since April 2001

General Statistics:	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Subjects Arrested:	371	521	650	546	662	612	383	425	328	131	79	165	107	152	295	265	5,692
Stolen Vehicles																	
Recovered:	349	404	560	523	579	1,278	872	1,048	763	468	404	444	379	491	587	657	9,086
Stolen Tags																	
Recovered:	42	46	55	92	153	187	95	86	101	48	10	19	22	22	34	34	1,046
Firearms Seized:	18	18	34	20	31	10	11	24	6	1	14	15	21	11	17	15	266
Amount of Heroin																	
Seized (g):	31	38	34	23	44.6	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	3,173
Amount of Cocaine																	
Seized (g):	204.2	187.7	209	161.9	236.6	33.9	30.4	39.7	29.6	3.3	6.2	22.8	51.7	460.1	145.1	12.9	1,835.1
Amount of Marijuana																	
Seized (g):	262.8	207.7	1,872.7	410.9	361.4	17.3	127.4	54.8	106.7	170.2	164.2	324.8	6,439.6	448.8	3,649.1	269.3	14,887.7
Amount of Ecstasy																	
Seized (pills):												2	114	4	361	34	515
Felony Warrants																	
Served:	24	36	58	39	81	41	21	62	24	20	87	43	46	37	60	40	719
Misdemeanor																	
Warrants Served:	34	59	22	27	26	29	26	40	28	29	5	24	10	27	15	21	422
Carjacked Vehicles																	
Recovered w/Arrest:	20	14	48	25	39	58	43	30	25	10	3	11	7	13	23	20	389
Vin Inspections:								398	400	509	1,140	1,649	978	899	1,504	6,572	14,050
Business Inspections:								23	43	57	43	64	39	21	16	22	328
Search Warrants:								5	11	18	54	95	84	45	59	54	425
Total Value of																	
Vehicles Recovered																	
(\$ in Millions):	4.623	4.981	6.570	6.309	6.999	13.318	9.315	10.014	5.100	3.100	4.200	5.519	5.862	6.929	9.536	9.341	111.716



# APPENDIX D

# GRANT RECIPIENTS

Summary of Grant Recipients for  
Fiscal Year 2017



## Law Enforcement

### Annapolis Police Department Auto Larceny Education Reduces Thefts

A highly motivated public education and awareness program directed at preventing and deterring vehicle theft and theft from vehicles.

**FY 2017 Award: \$20,500**

### Anne Arundel County Police Department Vehicle Theft Investigation, Prevention, Education, and Recovery (VIPER)

A comprehensive vehicle theft investigation, prevention, education, and recovery project to effectively reduce the serious vehicle theft activity in the county.

**FY 2017 Award: \$60,000**

### Baltimore County Police Department (RATT)

**Cracking Down on Auto Theft**  
Provides vehicle theft prevention and educational training, identifies repeat offenders, enhances prosecution, and establishes a multi-jurisdictional vehicle theft investigative task force with the Baltimore City Police Department and the Maryland State Police.

**FY 2017 Award: \$365,000**

**Award includes both Auto Theft Reduction through Crime Analysis and Cracking Down on Auto Theft programs.**

### Charles County Sheriff's Office Vehicle Theft Project

Provides for a dedicated vehicle theft investigator, vehicle theft investigative training, and aggressive community prevention and education program.

**FY 2017 Award: \$25,000**

### Department of Maryland State Police

#### Theft Reduction, Enforcement & Support

Provision of vehicle theft investigation and technical assistance to local law enforcement agencies, statewide vehicle theft enforcement program.

**FY 2017 Award: \$131,000**

### Harford County Sheriff's Office Theft Reduction, Enforcement & Support

A comprehensive vehicle theft investigation, prevention, education, and recovery project to effectively reduce the serious vehicle theft activity in the county.

**FY 2017 Award: \$32,635**

### Howard County Department of Police

#### Howard County Interagency Collaboration on Vehicle Theft Reduction

The formation of an interagency team dedicated to vehicle theft reduction by maximizing prevention, investigation, and prosecution efforts.

**FY 2017 Award: \$147,000**

### Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA)

#### Stolen & Uninsured Vehicle Initiative

Target vehicle theft through the use of technology and relationships with established auto theft units.

**FY 2017 Award: \$96,000**

### Montgomery County Police Department

#### Vehicle Theft Enforcement and Prevention Project

Implements a task-force approach to vehicle theft by creating a centralized vehicle theft investigative unit, encouraging prevention through public education, and proving crime analysis. This grant also provides for a Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office to directly assist police efforts.

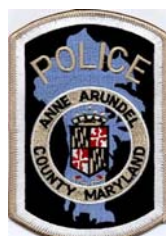
**FY 2017 Award: \$165,000**

### Prince George's County Police Department - WAVE Team

#### Vehicle Theft Prevention Initiative

Comprehensive program directed at law enforcement, support and participation in the Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement Team; Analyze stolen and recovered vehicle theft data, public information campaign directed at empowering the role of citizens through "Lockit & Pocket", a Community Prevention Program and enhanced cooperation with prosecutor.

**FY 2017 Award: \$330,000**



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## Prosecution

### Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office

#### ACARS Conquering Auto Theft Recidivism Soon

Computer tracking and analysis of case prosecution of juvenile vehicle theft offenders and direct support to police efforts.

**FY 2017 Award: \$50,000**

### Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office

#### A Comprehensive Enforcement and Prosecution Project

Intensive prosecution of repeat vehicle theft offenders and direct support to police efforts.

**FY 2017 Award: \$115,000**

### Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office

#### Aggressive Auto Theft Prosecution: Applying Resources and Getting Results

Program directed at aggressive prosecution to improve conviction rates for adults and juveniles charged with vehicle theft and to get higher sentencing for convicted offenders.

**FY 2017 Award: \$90,000**

## Juvenile

### Community Conferencing Center

#### Building Community Conferencing as an Effective Intervention for Juvenile Theft

Unique community justice intervention that includes victims, offenders, and their respective supporters in deciding how to best resolve the incident. Project targets young people who steal cars for the first time. Community conferencing helps offenders to understand the impact of their behavior which has shown to decrease the likelihood that it will happen again.

**FY 2017 Award: \$20,000**

## Community Prevention

### Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute

#### Vehicle Theft Prevention Public Awareness Support

Supports the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council's public awareness campaign through the operation of the toll free hotline (1-800-96-THEFT) and distribution of brochures and other educational materials.

**FY 2017 Award: \$22,000**

### Northwest Citizens Patrol Vehicle Theft Prevention Project

Promotes education and crime prevention by focusing on both offenders and vehicle owners. Tactics include educating vehicle owners through marketing and community seminars and deterring offenders through aggressive cooperation with prosecutors and delaying parole of offenders.

**FY 2017 Award: \$30,000**

### Olde Mill Foundation Auto Theft/Prevention/ Education and Information Initiative

Vehicle theft prevention program at the grassroots community level. Coordination with community police officers and juvenile intervention prior to the offense.

**FY 2017 Award: \$22,000**



Community Conferencing Center

## Public Awareness

### Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

#### Public Awareness Campaign

Promotes action to lower rates of auto theft statewide by establishing the best possible media themes and methods to increase public awareness and to educate citizens in vehicle theft prevention measures.

**FY 2017 Award: \$25,000**

## Miscellaneous

### Industry Merged with Police Against Car Theft (IMPACT)

Provides Basic, Advanced and Certification Training for Law Enforcement and Auto Insurance Special Investigation Units

**FY 2017 Award: \$37,000**

### Washington College

Collect, analyze, and map data to better understand and develop strategies to reduce vehicle theft in Maryland.

**FY 2017 Award: \$68,000**



# APPENDIX E

## GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant Award Analysis by Jurisdiction for  
Fiscal Years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017



	FISCAL YEAR 2014 \$1,865,815.00 AWARDED	FISCAL YEAR 2015 \$1,846,000.00 AWARDED	FISCAL YEAR 2016 \$1,841,500.00 AWARDED	FISCAL YEAR 2017 \$1,851,135.00 AWARDED
<b>ANNE ARUNDEL</b>				
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE DEPT	\$50,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
ANNAPOLIS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$18,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$20,500.00	\$20,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$68,000.00</b>	<b>\$79,000.00</b>	<b>\$80,500.00</b>	<b>\$80,500.00</b>
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	3.64%	4.28%	4.37%	4.35%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	5.04%	5.34%	4.64%	4.49%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	11.06%	11.09%	11.08%	10.99%
<b>BALTIMORE CITY</b>				
BALTIMORE CITY STATE'S ATTORNEY	\$45,890.00	\$46,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
COMMUNITY CONFERENCING CENTER	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PATROL GROUP <sup>1</sup>	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,890.00</b>	<b>\$91,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	4.60%	4.93%	5.43%	5.40%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	33.22%	34.26%	40.85%	38.54%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	6.13%	6.25%	5.87%	6.49%
<b>BALTIMORE COUNTY</b>				
BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT <sup>2</sup>	\$365,000.00	\$365,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$365,000.00
BALTIMORE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$480,000.00</b>	<b>\$480,000.00</b>	<b>\$465,000.00</b>	<b>\$480,000.00</b>
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	25.75%	26.00%	25.25%	25.93%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	10.89%	11.40%	13.05%	14.97%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	13.87%	13.98%	14.04%	13.83%
<b>CHARLES COUNTY</b>				
CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	2.14%	1.08%	1.08%	1.35%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	1.42%	1.19%	1.53%	1.21%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	2.86%	2.96%	2.97%	2/98%
<b>HARFORD COUNTY</b>				
HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE			\$25,000.00	\$32,635.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED			1.35%	1.76%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS			0.80%	0.65%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES			4.88%	4.87%



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Grant Award Analysis by Jurisdiction for  
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	FISCAL YEAR 2014 \$1,865,815.00 AWARDED	FISCAL YEAR 2015 \$1,846,000.00 AWARDED	FISCAL YEAR 2016 \$1,841,500.00 AWARDED	FISCAL YEAR 2017 \$1,851,135.00 AWARDED
<b>HOWARD COUNTY</b>				
HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$144,486.00	\$146,000.00	\$162,000.00	\$147,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	7.74%	7.91%	8.79%	7.94%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	1.89%	1.76%	1.53%	2.21%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	5.51%	5.35%	5.38%	5.32%
<b>MONTGOMERY COUNTY</b>				
MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPT	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	9.92%	8.84%	8.96%	8.91%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	7.40%	6.79%	5.66%	6.30%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	15.66%	16.43%	15.77%	15.66%
<b>PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY</b>				
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO. POLICE DEPT	\$270,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$330,000.00
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO. S/A OFFICE	\$140,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
OLDE MILL FOUNDATION	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00
TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE JUV. DIVERSION PROG. INC.	\$90,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$515,000.00</b>	<b>\$465,000.00</b>	<b>\$410,000.00</b>	<b>\$442,000.00</b>
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	27.60%	25.18%	22.26%	23.88%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	31.96%	32.54%	25.29%	24.34%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	13.78%	13.61%	13.73%	13.71%
<b>MARYLAND STATE AGENCIES</b>				
MD STATE POLICE - Auto Theft Unit	\$250,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$131,000.00
MD COMMUNITY CRIME PREV. INST. VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL (PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE)	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
MD MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$355,000.00</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>	<b>\$302,000.00</b>	<b>\$274,000.00</b>
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	19.02%	13.54%	16.39%	14.80%
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
INDUSTRY MERGED WITH POLICE AGAINST CAR THEFT (IMPACT)	\$12,500.00	\$22,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00
WASHINGTON COLLEGE	\$29,000.00	\$79,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$68,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,500.00</b>	<b>\$101,000.00</b>	<b>\$112,000.00</b>	<b>\$105,000.00</b>
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	2.22%	5.47%	6.08%	5.67%

<sup>1</sup> GRANT MONIES AWARDED TO COMMUNITY VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTIONS PROGRAMS IN BALTIMORE CITY.

<sup>2</sup> INCLUDES GRANT MONIES TO SUPPORT THE BALTIMORE CITY/BALTIMORE CO. COMBINED REGIONAL AUTO THEFT TEAM (R.A.T.T.)



# APPENDIX F

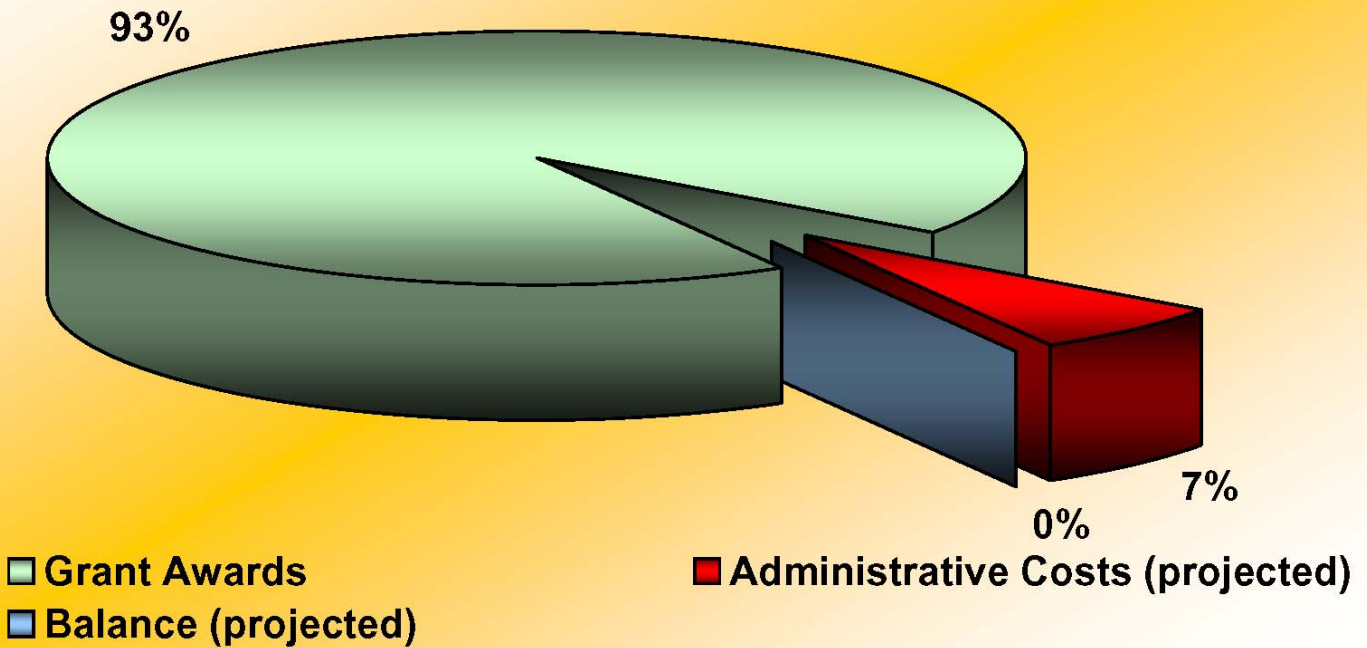
## FISCAL SUMMARY

Vehicle Theft Prevention Council  
Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)



Funding Available	\$1,983,778
Grant Awards	\$1,851,135
Administrative Costs (Projected)	\$129,579
Total Disbursement (Projected)	\$1,971,063
Balance (Projected)	\$3,064

### Fiscal Summary



# APPENDIX G

## JURISDICTION DATA

Percentages by Jurisdiction  
Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016)



JURISDICTION	Registered Vehicles FY2016	% of Total Registered Vehicles	Total 2016 Vehicle Theft	Jurisdiction's % of Total Thefts in State	% of Registered Vehicles Stolen
Allegany County	62,024	1.21%	44	0.32%	0.07%
Anne Arundel County	561,664	10.99%	622	4.49%	0.11%
Baltimore County	706,808	13.83%	2,073	14.97%	0.29%
Calvert County	93,475	1.83%	41	0.30%	0.04%
Caroline County	41,197	0.81%	27	0.19%	0.07%
Carroll County	182,578	3.57%	65	0.47%	0.04%
Cecil County	96,421	1.89%	153	1.10%	0.16%
Charles County	152,420	2.98%	167	1.21%	0.11%
Dorchester County	33,230	0.65%	41	0.30%	0.12%
Frederick County	245,887	4.81%	118	0.85%	0.05%
Garrett County	32,995	0.65%	14	0.10%	0.04%
Harford County	248,901	4.87%	90	0.65%	0.04%
Howard County	271,859	5.32%	306	2.21%	0.11%
Kent County	21,841	0.43%	6	0.04%	0.03%
Montgomery County	800,311	15.66%	872	6.30%	0.11%
Prince George's County	700,600	13.71%	3,371	24.34%	0.48%
Queen Anne's County	57,621	1.13%	16	0.12%	0.03%
St. Mary's County	111,135	2.18%	71	0.51%	0.06%
Somerset County	23,221	0.45%	13	0.09%	0.06%
Talbot County	43,463	0.85%	14	0.10%	0.03%
Washington County	140,267	2.75%	227	1.64%	0.16%
Wicomico County	90,944	1.78%	96	0.69%	0.11%
Worcester County	58,672	1.15%	32	0.23%	0.05%
Baltimore City	331,699	6.49%	5,336	38.54%	1.61%
Statewide			32	0.23%	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,109,233</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>13,847</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0.27%</b>

\*MD MVA

# APPENDIX H

## VEHICLE THEFT

Maryland Vehicle Thefts  
\*1994, 1999, 2005, 2014 - 2016



COUNTY	1994	1999	2005	2014	2015	2016	% Change 1994-1999	% Change 2015-2016	% Change 2005-2016	% Change 1994-2016
ALLEGANY	75	78	57	42	49	44	4%	-10%	-23%	-41%
ANNE ARUNDEL	1,806	1,418	1,524	702	629	622	-21%	-1%	-59%	-66%
BALTIMORE CITY	13,603	7,255	6,232	4,504	5,541	5,336	-47%	-4%	-14%	-61%
BALTIMORE COUNTY	6,289	2,953	3,046	1,499	1,770	2,073	-53%	17%	-32%	-67%
CALVERT	48	89	86	43	37	41	85%	11%	-52%	-15%
CAROLINE	38	65	51	24	18	27	71%	50%	-47%	-29%
CARROLL	169	165	170	49	52	65	-2%	25%	-62%	-62%
CECIL	160	153	278	92	123	153	-4%	24%	-45%	-4%
CHARLES	435	272	627	157	207	167	-37%	-19%	-73%	-62%
DORCESTER	47	53	77	42	51	41	13%	-20%	-47%	-13%
FREDERICK	258	252	197	83	110	118	-2%	7%	-40%	-54%
GARRETT	32	25	19	15	9	14	-22%	56%	-26%	-56%
HARFORD	403	359	359	106	108	90	-11%	-17%	-75%	-78%
HOWARD	1,157	704	544	231	208	306	-39%	47%	-44%	-74%
KENT	17	17	24	5	3	6	0%	100%	-75%	-65%
MONTGOMERY	3,370	2,667	2,671	753	768	872	-21%	14%	-67%	-74%
PRINCE GEORGE'S	9,477	8,619	17,242	4,278	3,431	3,371	-9%	-2%	-80%	-64%
QUEEN ANNE'S	39	61	48	18	21	16	56%	-24%	-67%	-59%
SAINT MARY'S	70	75	142	73	69	71	7%	3%	-50%	1%
SOMERSET	29	36	27	10	11	13	24%	18%	-52%	-55%
TALBOT	54	43	26	21	14	14	-20%	0%	-46%	-74%
WASHINGTON	152	258	261	231	175	227	70%	30%	-13%	49%
WICOMICO	231	218	205	96	96	96	-6%	0%	-53%	-58%
WORCESTER	121	120	101	38	28	32	-1%	14%	-68%	-74%
STATEWIDE	114	112	56	34	36	32	-2%	-11%	-43%	-72%
MARYLAND	38,194	26,067	34,070	13,146	13,564	13,847	-32%	3%	-60%	-64%

 Jurisdictions receiving Vehicle Theft Prevention Council assistance.

The Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund was established in 1994  
The first Vehicle Theft Prevention Grants were awarded in 1995. Here are the effects:

Vehicle Thefts:			
1994	2016	Variance	Economic Savings
38,194	13,847	-24,630 -64%	\$186,984,960.00

\*MD MVA



# APPENDIX

# VEHICLE THEFT

National Vehicle Thefts Totals  
1994, 2011 - 2016



	2016	Totals	2015	Totals	2014	Totals	2013	Totals	2012	Totals	2011	Totals	1994	Totals
1	CA	176,756	CA	170,993	CA	151,852	CA	165,292	CA	168,608	CA	152,524	CA	308,205
2	TX	69,056	TX	67,485	TX	68,546	TX	65,745	TX	64,996	TX	68,023	NY	128,873
3	FL	43,135	FL	40,661	FL	42,579	FL	34,912	FL	37,330	FL	41,462	FL	127,186
4	WA	32,286	WA	26,867	WA	30,647	WA	28,399	GA	28,536	GA	30,305	TX	110,753
5	GA	26,801	GA	26,482	GA	26,854	GA	26,826	WA	26,402	IL	28,796	IL	66,218
6	MI	20,176	IL	17,652	MI	21,157	MI	24,567	IL	25,690	MI	27,353	MI	62,304
7	IL	19,910	OH	17,229	OH	18,015	IL	20,933	MI	25,115	WA	25,729	PA	54,153
8	OH	19,667	MO	16,999	AZ	17,587	OH	19,532	OH	19,512	OH	21,508	NJ	52,164
9	CO	19,611	AZ	16,785	IL	17,451	AZ	17,438	AZ	19,158	AZ	21,118	OH	47,413
10	AZ	18,421	CO	16,000	MO	16,357	MO	16,325	NY	17,348	NY	20,443	AZ	43,467
11	MO	18,295	MI	15,764	NY	15,736	NY	15,482	NJ	16,481	NJ	18,310	MA	42,348
12	NC	15,306	NY	15,313	IN	13,861	NC	14,606	MO	16,308	NC	18,051	GA	39,312
13	TN	15,119	MD	13,564	NC	13,630	IN	14,204	NC	16,120	PA	16,669	MD	38,194
14	IN	14,731	IN	13,519	MD	13,146	PA	13,770	PA	15,028	MD	16,051	TN	28,994
15	NY	14,392	NC	13,435	PA	13,040	NJ	13,747	MD	14,493	MO	15,556	WA	28,743
16	SC	13,920	SC	12,970	SC	12,902	MD	13,418	IN	13,661	IN	14,835	MO	27,038
17	MD	13,847	TN	12,870	TN	12,599	SC	12,580	SC	13,201	TN	13,197	LA	26,219
18	OR	13,193	PA	12,134	CO	12,574	CO	12,533	TN	12,980	SC	13,118	IN	25,011
19	NV	13,180	NJ	11,778	NJ	11,705	TN	11,828	CO	12,092	CO	11,453	OR	21,764
20	PA	13,047	NV	11,351	OK	10,583	OK	11,214	OK	11,564	OK	11,247	NC	21,342
21	OK	12,155	WI	10,985	NV	10,185	AL	10,571	OR	10,203	MA	10,600	CT	20,167
22	NM	11,743	OR	10,547	AL	10,141	NV	9,998	NV	10,018	AL	10,548	WI	18,321
23	AL	11,723	OK	10,450	WI	9,919	OR	9,862	AL	9,874	VA	10,190	VA	18,289
24	NJ	11,328	AL	10,335	LA	9,891	LA	9,160	MA	9,232	NV	10,185	OK	15,461
25	LA	10,339	LA	9,741	OR	9,549	MA	9,122	VA	9,076	LA	9,893	CO	14,365
26	WI	9,958	UT	8,707	MN	8,367	VA	8,536	MN	8,458	OR	8,912	MN	14,355
27	KY	9,886	NM	8,526	MA	8,260	MN	7,966	WI	8,216	WI	8,507	AL	14,000
28	VA	9,788	VA	8,111	VA	7,665	UT	7,465	LA	7,881	MN	8,138	SC	13,184
29	UT	9,388	MA	8,069	UT	7,298	WI	7,388	KS	6,778	CT	6,707	NV	11,065
30	MN	8,728	MN	7,981	KA	6,906	KS	6,641	KY	6,668	KS	6,209	MS	10,810
31	MA	8,058	KY	7,782	KY	6,318	CT	6,222	CT	6,449	KY	6,009	KY	8,558
32	AR	7,155	KA	6,957	NM	6,290	KY	6,032	UT	5,949	UT	5,949	KS	8,383
33	CT	7,107	CT	6,338	CT	6,110	NM	5,905	PR	5,847	PR	5,544	NM	8,350
34	KA	6,937	HI	5,779	AR	5,601	AR	5,678	AR	5,724	AR	5,360	DC	8,261
35	HI	5,654	AR	5,772	PR	4,639	PR	5,530	NM	5,463	NM	5,247	AR	7,726
36	IA	4,983	IA	4,342	MS	4,519	NE	4,463	MS	4,322	MS	5,100	HI	6,383
37	NE	4,725	MS	4,243	NE	4,455	MS	4,388	NE	4,147	DC	5,036	NE	6,236
38	MS	4,324	PR	4,074	IA	4,151	IA	4,246	IA	4,023	HI	3,776	UT	5,689
39	PR	3,787	NE	4,001	HI	3,879	HI	3,684	DC	3,661	NE	3,614	RI	5,183
40	AK	3,057	DC	3,264	DC	3,783	DC	3,234	HI	3,605	IA	2,399	IA	5,096
41	DC	2,973	MT	2,418	MT	2,043	RI	2,233	RI	2,628	RI	2,369	AK	3,275
42	MT	2,743	WV	2,239	WV	1,896	WV	1,916	WV	2,209	WV	1,929	WV	3,274
43	WV	2,509	AK	2,046	RI	1,833	MT	1,850	MT	1,689	DE	1,619	DE	2,945
44	ID	2,077	ID	1,871	AK	1,739	AK	1,695	AK	1,522	MT	1,526	MT	2,450
45	ND	1,964	ND	1,583	ID	1,661	ID	1,536	DE	1,436	AK	1,322	NH	2,302
46	RI	1,596	RI	1,389	ND	1,514	ND	1,416	ID	1,364	ID	990	ID	2,210
47	DE	1,520	SD	1,188	DE	1,267	DE	1,332	ND	1,151	ME	968	ME	1,776
48	SD	1,502	DE	1,181	SD	1,007	NH	940	SD	1,065	ND	859	ND	964
49	NH	871	NH	891	NH	857	SD	938	NH	1,023	NH	795	SD	872
50	WY	800	ME	814	ME	799	ME	914	ME	995	SD	591	VT	862
51	ME	775	WY	592	WY	603	WY	578	WY	584	WY	441	WY	771
52	VT	282	VT	178	VT	244	VT	334	VT	435	VT		PR	

Source: Maryland UCR

# APPENDIX

# VEHICLE THEFT

Vehicle Theft Rate Per 100,000 Residents  
1994, 2011 - 2016



2016	RATE	2015	RATE	2014	RATE	2013	RATE	2012	RATE	2011	RATE	1994	RATE
NM	564.3	DC	485.5	DC	574.1	DC	500.3	DC	579.0	DC	721.0	DC	1449.3
CA	450.3	CA	436.8	WA	434.0	CA	431.2	CA	443.2	CA	398.6	AZ	1066.7
NV	448.3	NM	408.9	CA	391.3	WA	407.4	WA	382.8	WA	363.6	CA	980.6
WA	443.0	HI	403.7	NV	358.7	NV	358.3	NV	363.1	NV	348.3	FL	911.5
DC	436.5	NV	392.7	NM	301.6	OK	291.2	OK	303.1	AZ	305.9	<b>MD</b>	<b>763.0</b>
AK	412.1	WA	374.7	HI	273.3	NM	283.2	AZ	292.3	HI	304.3	NV	759.4
HI	395.8	CO	293.2	OK	272.9	MO	270.1	GA	287.7	GA	300.3	NY	709.3
CO	354.0	UT	290.6	MO	269.8	GA	268.5	SC	279.5	SC	292.0	OR	705.2
OR	322.3	MO	279.4	SC	267.0	SC	263.5	MO	270.8	MO	290.9	MA	701.0
OK	309.8	AK	277.1	GA	266.0	AZ	263.2	NM	261.9	<b>MD</b>	<b>275.7</b>	NJ	660.0
UT	307.7	OK	267.2	AZ	261.3	HI	262.4	OR	261.7	NM	259.7	MI	656.1
MO	300.3	SC	264.9	TX	254.3	UT	257.3	HI	258.9	MI	258.2	CT	615.8
SC	280.6	OR	261.8	UT	248.0	OR	250.9	MI	254.1	MO	254.8	LA	607.6
AZ	265.8	GA	259.2	OR	240.5	TX	248.6	RI	250.2	TX	246.7	TX	602.6
MT	263.1	AZ	245.8	KA	237.8	MI	248.3	TX	249.4	OR	233.7	IL	563.5
GA	259.9	TX	245.7	NE	236.8	NE	238.9	<b>MD</b>	<b>246.3</b>	KS	232.5	TN	560.3
ND	259.1	KA	238.9	AK	236.0	CO	237.9	KS	234.9	IN	227.3	GA	557.2
NE	247.8	MT	234.1	CO	234.8	AK	230.6	CO	233.1	IL	223.5	HI	541.4
TX	247.8	<b>MD</b>	<b>225.8</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>219.2</b>	KA	229.5	NE	223.5	NE	222.7	AK	540.4
<b>AL</b>	<b>241.1</b>	AL	212.7	FL	214.0	<b>MD</b>	<b>226.3</b>	UT	210.1	AL	222.0	RI	519.9
AR	239.4	NE	211.0	MI	213.5	AL	218.7	IN	209.0	UT	219.5	MO	512.3
KA	238.6	ND	209.1	LA	212.7	IN	216.2	AK	208.1	TN	219.2	NM	504.8
TN	227.3	LA	208.6	IN	210.1	RI	212.4	AL	204.8	RI	217.5	WA	500.5
KY	222.8	IN	204.2	AL	209.1	LA	198.0	TN	201.0	CO	215.9	OK	474.6
IN	222.1	FL	200.6	ND	204.7	ND	195.7	IL	199.5	FL	207.9	PA	449.3
LA	220.8	TN	195.0	MT	199.6	AR	191.9	AR	194.1	LA	199.4	IN	434.8
FL	209.3	AR	193.8	TN	192.4	MT	182.2	FL	193.2	AR	197.8	OH	427.1
MI	203.2	WI	190.3	AR	188.8	TN	182.1	NJ	185.9	NJ	197.4	DE	417.1
CT	198.7	CT	176.5	RI	173.7	FL	178.6	CT	179.6	CT	187.4	MS	405.0
<b>MD</b>	<b>196.7</b>	KY	175.9	WI	172.3	CT	173.0	LA	171.3	AL	185.8	CO	392.9
SD	173.6	MI	158.9	CT	169.9	OH	168.8	OH	169.0	OH	182.5	NE	384.2
WI	172.3	OH	148.4	OH	155.4	IL	162.5	MT	168.0	NC	176.4	WI	360.5
OH	169.3	MN	145.4	MN	153.3	NJ	154.5	NC	165.3	DE	168.7	SC	359.8
DE	159.7	MS	141.8	MS	150.9	PR	153.0	ND	164.5	MS	165.4	AL	331.8
IA	159.0	IA	139.0	KY	143.2	NC	148.3	PR	159.4	MA	163.7	KS	328.2
MN	158.1	SD	138.4	NC	137.1	MN	147.0	MN	157.2	PR	157.9	AR	315.0
IL	155.5	IL	137.3	IL	135.5	MS	146.7	DE	156.6	MN	153.1	MN	314.3
RI	151.1	NC	133.8	DE	135.4	DE	143.9	KY	152.2	KY	152.7	NC	301.9
NC	150.8	NJ	131.5	IA	133.6	IA	137.4	MS	144.8	MT	146.1	UT	298.2
MS	144.7	RI	131.5	NJ	131.0	KY	137.2	WI	143.5	WI	144.1	MT	286.2
WV	137.0	DE	124.9	PR	130.7	MA	136.3	MA	138.9	ND	143.3	VA	279.1
WY	136.6	WV	121.4	MA	122.5	WI	128.6	IA	130.9	IA	130.9	KY	223.6
NJ	126.6	MA	118.8	SD	118.0	SD	111.0	SD	127.8	SD	128.5	NH	202.5
ID	123.4	PR	117.3	WY	103.2	PA	107.8	WV	119.1	WV	121.5	ID	195.1
MA	118.3	ID	113.1	WV	102.5	VA	103.3	PA	117.7	VA	120.1	IA	180.1
VA	116.4	WY	101.0	PA	102.0	WV	103.3	VA	112.2	SD	114.8	WV	179.7
PR	111.0	VA	96.8	ID	101.6	WY	99.2	WY	101.3	NY	99.2	WY	162.0
PA	102.1	PA	94.8	VA	92.1	ID	95.3	NY	88.6	WY	91.7	ND	151.1
NY	72.9	NY	77.4	NY	79.7	NY	78.8	ID	85.5	ID	84.1	VT	148.6
NH	65.3	NH	67.0	NH	64.6	NH	71.0	NH	77.5	ME	81.2	ME	143.2
ME	58.2	ME	61.2	ME	60.1	ME	68.8	ME	74.9	VT	79.7	SD	120.9
VT	45.1	VT	28.4	VT	38.9	VT	53.3	VT	69.5	NH	73.9		

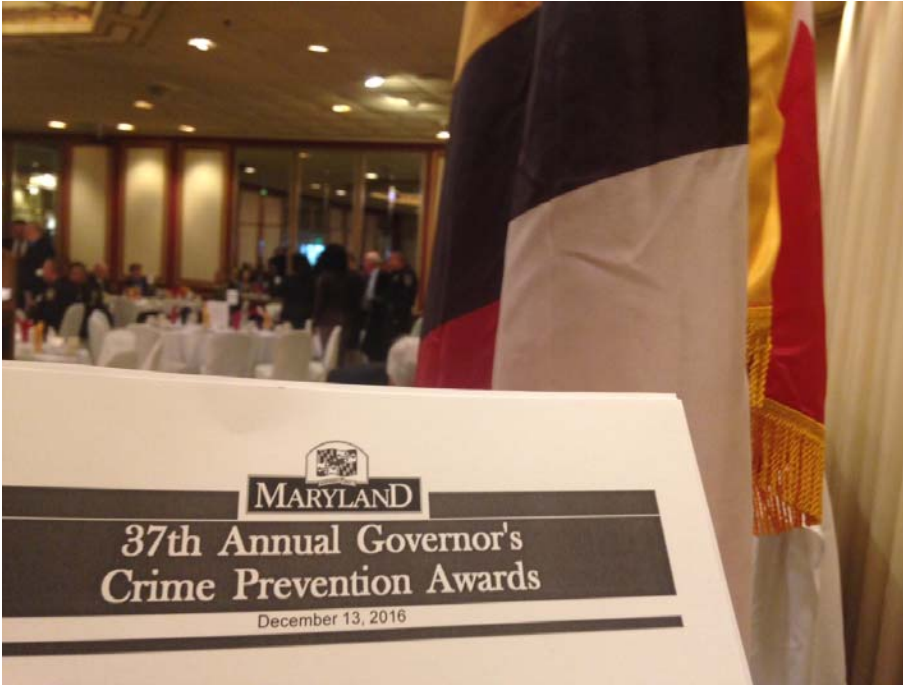
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## ANNUAL REPORT

## MARYLAND VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL

### VEHICLE THEFT ON THE ROAD



*Pictured below left is the Vehicle Theft Prevention Display and information booth maintained by the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute on display during the 37th Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Ceremony, held on December 13, 2016 at the La Fontaine Bleue Hotel in Glen Burnie.*



*Award winners, guests and dignitaries from across the state attended the event.*

*The video monitor on the display presents repeating messages about vehicle theft prevention as well as , PowerPoint slides, and other timely information.*



**Claude Nelson**  
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DARE Coordinator  
Department of Public Safety  
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Maryland Police and  
Correctional Training  
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The key to preventing vehicle theft *is* in *your* hands.



Lock your car.  
Take the key.  
Use an anti-theft device.  
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